DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

SECOM-D-412

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
                      Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: DCI Representation in the Interagency
                      Information Security Committee

    1. Action Requested: That you name Mr. Robert W. Gambino as your representative on the subject committee.

    2. Background: Executive Order 12065 changes certain aspects of the security classification system. It establishes an Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) under a Director to oversee and provide guidance on the new system. It also establishes an Interagency Information Security Committee to advise its chairman - the Director of the ISOO. The committee is to be comprised of representatives of the Secretaries of State, Defense, Treasury and Energy, the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, and others (e.g., Dr. Brzezinski).

    The ISOO and the advisory committee replace the Interagency Classification Review Committee (ICRC). The ICRC was comprised of representatives of agencies (e.g., CIA vice DCI). The NSC was responsible for monitoring the classification system assisted by the ICRC. Much of the time of the ICRC was taken up on appeals of denials of requests for declassification. The character of that sort of effort may have prompted some agencies

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to name attorneys as their ICRC members (e.g., OGC provides the CIA representation). A conscious effort was made during the development of E.O. 12065 to structure the new system so as to permit the oversight mechanism to spend more time on policy review and development and less time on appeals. The Order reflects this - i.e., the NSC is to provide overall policy direction but the ISOO is to implement and monitor the program. The ISOO will only hear appeals concerning Presidential papers over 10 years old.

In March 1978, you announced the reorganization of the Security Committee and stated that it would advise you on all matters of Community concern with respect to security policy and management. The single security focal point concept inherent in that change suggests that the DCI should be represented on the Interagency Information Security Committee by the Chairman of the Security Committee. He would be responsible in this regard for coordinating matters of policy concern with appropriate DCI support elements (e.g., OGC for legal matters).

Since the ICRC ceases to exist on 1 December when E.O. 12065 becomes effective, it will be necessary for you to designate a representative on the Interagency Information Security Committee. A memorandum to name Mr. Gambino in that regard has been prepared for your signature.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached proposed memorandum to the Director, Information Security Oversight Office.

John F. Blake

Attachment

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

SECOM-D-415

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Information Security
                             Oversight Office

SUBJECT: Representation on the Interagency
                             Information Security Committee

This is to advise that my representative on the Inter-agency Information Security Committee established by Executive Order 12065 will be Mr. Robert W. Gambino. Mr. Gambino is Chairman of my Security Committee, and Director of Security for CIA. He may be reached at the CIA Headquarters Building on [   ]

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